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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town of

STRAFFORD

New Hampshire

For the Year Ending January 31st, 1930

Annual Reports of the Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Strafford

For the Year Ending January 31, 1930

THE RECORD PRESS
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1930

Town Officers

Selectmen

Henry C. Soule — Lewis J. Brown

Ellsworth H. Berry

Treasurer

Chester R. Brown

Town Clerk

Clyde R. Cotton

Auditors

George L. Foss — Frank R. Jones

Tax Collector

Arthur R. Caverly

Moderator

Virgil I. Scribner

Supervisors

Elmer A. Scribner — Edson J. Clark

School Board

Albert E. Foss — Adrian B. Preston

Victor L. Caverly

School Treasurer

Florys E. Smith

Trustees of Trust Funds

Fred A. Scruton — Charles F. Hill

Albert E. Foss

Library Trustees

Lucy S. Hill — Abbie F. Brown

Rilma Gray

Health Officer

Lemond G. Howard

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town House in said Strafford on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see if the town will raise the sum of $6,000 for highways and bridges.

4. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid on highways as per articles to be read at town meeting.

5. To see if the town will raise the sum of $400 for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust.

6. To see what sum the town will raise for Memorial Day.

7. To see if the town will vote to pay 33⅓ cents per hour for man labor on town highways.

8. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the town hall and raise money for the same.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, the 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty.

HENRY C. SOULE,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
ELLSWORTH H. BERRY,

Selectmen of Strafford.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HENRY C. SOULE,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
ELLSWORTH H. BERRY,

Selectmen of Strafford.

BUDGET
of the Town of Strafford

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, February 1, 1930, to January 31, 1931, Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 1, 1929 to January 31, 1930.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Act. Rev. Prev. Yr. 1929	Est. Rev. Ens'g. Yr. 1930	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Railroad tax,	$348 26	$348 26		
Savings bank tax,	1,064 00	1,064 00		
Fighting forest fires,	17 36	17 36		
For Highways:				
(a) For State aid maintenance,	1,255 17	1,500 00	$244 83	
(b) Trunk line maintenance	3,391 76	4,786 82	1,395 06	
Interest and dividend tax,	75 33	75 33		
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All licenses and permits except dog licenses,	807 16	807 16		
Fines and forfeits,	11 25			$11 25
Rent of town hall and other buildings,	35 50	50 00	14 50	
Interest received on taxes and deposits,	302 41	302 41		
Income of departments,	11 00			11 00
From Poll Taxes,	704 00	704 00		
From other taxes except property taxes,	420 00	420 00		
National bank stock,	27 00	27 00		

From State:				
Class 5 highways,	$2,115 75	$2,115 75		
Town road unimproved,	140 92	93 38		$47 04
For trunk line highway construction,	14,791 35	15,000 00	$208 65	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes,	9,500 00	9,500 00		
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes,	$35,018 22	$36,811 97	$1,863 04	$69 29
Amount raised by property taxes,	25,434 69	28,119 40	2,684 71	
Total revenues,	$60,452 91	$64,931 37	$4,478 46	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Act. Exp. Prev. Yr. 1929	Est. Exp. Ens'g. Yr. 1930	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town officers' salaries,	$925 00	$1,100 00	$175 00	
Town officers' expenses,	305 63	305 63		
Care and supplies for town hall,	72 36	150 00	77 64	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police department,	4 00	10 00	6 00	
Fire department,	46 22	46 22		
Health:				
Health department,		6 00	6 00	
Vital statistics,	5 25	5 25		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
State's Contribution,	1,255 17	1,500 00	244 83	
Town's Contribution,	1,255 17	1,500 00	244 83	

Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's Contribution,	$3,391 76	$4,786 82	$1,395 06	
Town's Contribution,	2,261 16	3,191 20	930 04	
Town maintenance,	7,215 69	9,015 81	1,800 12	
General expense of highway department,	328 22	328 22		
Education:				
Libraries,	42 30	42 30		
Charities:				
Town poor,	119 75	200 00	80 25	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and other celebrations,	75 00	75 00		
Interest:				
On long term notes,	1,550 00	2,000 00	450 00	
On principal of trust funds used by town,	226 00	313 00	87 00	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Construction:				
State's Contribution,	140 92	93 88		$47 04
Town's Contribution,	140 92	93 88		47 04
Trunk Line Construction:				
State's Contribution,	14,791 35	15,000 00	208 65	
Town's Contribution,	7,395 68	7,500 00	104 32	
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Long term notes,	5,000 00	3,000 00		2,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State taxes,	1,669 20	1,669 20		
County taxes,	1,744 65	1,744 65		
Payments to school districts,	8,658 60			
Total expenditures,	$58,620 00	$64,931 37	$8,405 45	$2,094 08

Summary of Inventory

Valuation of Town of Strafford, April 1, 1929

Lands and buildings,		$570,671 00
Horses,	135	13,640 00
Oxen,	6	850 00
Cows,	257	20,850 00
Other neat stock,	50	3,205 00
Sheep,	101	719 00
Fowls,	3,990	3,990 00
Fur bearing animals,	9	900 00
Portable mills,	2	2,000 00
Wood, Lumber, etc.,		9,600 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks,		1,725 00
Stock in trade,		5,300 00
Aqueducts,		1,000 00
Mills and machinery,		3,200 00
Polls,	352	
Total valuation,		$637,650 00

Amount of Taxes and Rates

Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes and national bank stock taxes,	$26,237 00
Rate percent of taxation,	$4 00

List of Appropriations

State tax,	$1,669 20
County tax,	1,744 65
Town expenses,	1,700 00
Highways and bridges,	6,000 00

State aid maintenance,	
Trunk line maintenance,	$2,400 00
Trunk line unimproved,	100 00
Trunk line construction,	3,000 00
Memorial Day exercises,	75 00
Schools,	8,422 50
Total,	$25,111 35

Statement of Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$3,190 91
Sinking Funds, in Savings Dept., Rochester Trust Co.,	895 79
Accounts due to Town:	
Due from State:	
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in State Treasury,	
Trunk line maintenance,	1,186 82
Trunk line construction,	9,208 64
Town road unimproved,	93 88
Other bills due Town:	
W. A. Brown Est., culvert,	17 00
Victor Caverly, shingles,	7 50
Taxes not collected: levy, 1929,	10,408 08
Total assets,	$25,008 62
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt),	32,599 01
Grand total,	$57,607 63
Net debt Jan. 31, 1929,	$26,869 97
Net debt Jan. 31, 1930,	32,599 01
Increase of debt,	$5,729 04

Purpose for which debt was created, Trunk Line Construction.

Statement of Liabilities

Accounts owed by the Town:	
Bills outstanding:	
Trustees Trust Funds, interest,	$43 50
Due to School Districts:	
(a) Dog licenses,	21 45
(b) Balance of appropriation,	3,263 90
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury,	10,489 34
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury,	5,489 44
Outstanding term notes,	31,500 00
Trust Funds,	6,800 00
Total liabilities,	$57,607 63
Grand total,	$57,607 63

List of Town Property

Town hall, lands and buildings,	$3,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	200 00
Libraries,	1,500 00
Highway Department:	
Equipment,	1,500 00
Materials and supplies,	300 00
Schools, land and buildings,	10,000 00
Equipment,	2,000 00
Total,	$18,500 00

Town Clerk's Report

Automobile Taxes

1929 automobile tax,		$345 13
1930 automobile tax,		440 53
Paid Chester Brown, treasurer,	$785 66	
	$785 66	$785 66

Dog Licenses

Received licenses on 89 dogs,		$235 00
Paid C. R. Cotton, issuing licenses	$17 80	
Paid Chester Brown, treasurer,	217 20	
	$235 00	$235 00

CLYDE R. COTTON,

Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, February 1, 1929,	$3,065 38
Total receipts,	54,263 68
Grand total,	$57,329 06

Payments

Total payments,	$54,138 15
Cash on hand, January 31, 1930,	3,190 91
Grand total,	$57,329 06
Sinking fund on deposit at Rochester Trust Co. Savings Department,	$895 79

CHESTER R. BROWN,

Treasurer.

Summary of Receipts

From Local Taxes:	
Current year,	$15,828 92
Previous year,	7,664 35
From State:	
For Highways:	
Class 5 highways,	2,115 75
State aid maintenance,	878 27
Town road unimproved,	140 92
Trunk line maintenance,	618 89
Trunk line construction,	14,232 26

Interest and dividend tax,	$75 33
Railroad tax,	348 26
Savings bank tax,	1,064 00
Forest fires,	17 36
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses,	217 20
Business licenses and permits,	21 50
Fines and forfeits,	11 25
Rent of town hall,	35 50
Interest received on taxes,	302 41
Registration motor vehicles, 1929,	345 13
Registration motor vehicles, 1930,	440 53
Shingles and plank,	11 00
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Term notes during year,	9,500 00
Refunds,	394 85
	$54,263 68
Cash on hand, February 1, 1929,	3,065 38
Grand total,	$57,329 06

Summary of Payments

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries,	$925 00
Town officers' expenses,	305 63
Expenses town hall,	72 36
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police,	4 00
Fire,	46 22
Damage by dogs,	207 00
Health:	
Vital statistics,	5 25
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	2,134 64
Trunk line maintenance,	2,925 05

Town maintenance,	$7,215 69
General expense of department,	328 22
Libraries,	42 30
Town poor,	119 75
Memorial Day exercises,	75 00
Unclassified:	
Abatements refunded on 1928 taxes,	69 24
Discounts on 1929 taxes,	71 31
Interest:	
Paid on loans for highway constructions,	1,550 00
Paid on Trust Fund notes,	226 00
Outlay for New Construction:	
Trunk line construction,	20,418 80
Town road unimproved,	324 24
Indebtedness payments,	5,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to State,	1,669 20
Taxes paid to County,	1,744 65
Payments to School Districts,	8,658 60
Total payments for all purposes,	$54,138 15
Cash on hand, January 31, 1930,	3,190 91
Grand total,	$57,329 06

Detail Statement of Receipts

Taxes for Current Year:			
July	2	A. R. Caverly,	$1,332 80
	6	A. R. Caverly,	1,059 85
Aug.	3	A. R. Caverly,	576 48
Sept.	7	A. R. Caverly,	514 72
Oct.	5	A. R. Caverly,	312 00
Nov.	2	A. R. Caverly,	1,345 89
Dec.	7	A. R. Caverly,	6,048 53
Jan.	4	A. R. Caverly,	1,031 92
	31	A. R. Caverly,	3,146 48
Total,			$15,828 92

Taxes for Previous Year:

Mar.	2	A. R. Caverly,	$811 85
May	4	A. R. Caverly,	698 80
Apr.	6	A. R. Caverly,	1,874 64
June	1	A. R. Caverly,	571 86
July	2	A. R. Caverly,	528 31
	4	A. R. Caverly,	364 00
	5	A. R. Caverly,	1,990 63
	6	A. R. Caverly,	588 04
	6	A. R. Caverly,	236 22
Total,			$7,664 35

From State for Highways:

Aug.	10	State treasurer,	$3,000 00
	10	State treasurer,	2,115 75
Sept.	20	State treasurer,	3,000 00
Oct.	23	State treasurer,	7,000 00
Jan.	17	State treasurer,	2,870 34
Total,			$17,986 09

From State for Other Purposes:

Oct.	5	State treasurer, forest fire,	$17 36
Jan.	4	State treasurer, interest and dividend tax,	75 33
	31	State treasurer, railroad tax,	348 26
	31	State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,064 00
Total,			$1,504 95

Dog Licenses:

Jan.	4	Clyde R. Cotton,	$103 20
	31	Clyde R. Cotton,	114 00
Total,			$217 20

All Other Licenses and Permits:

Apr.	6	Clyde R. Cotton, 1929 auto permits,	$49 00
June	1	Dr. Cleary, pistol permit,	25

July	6	G. N. Waldron, pool table license,	$10 00
	6	Chester Weeks, pistol permit,	25
	6	E. H. Berry, pistol permit,	25
	6	E. A. Brock, pistol permit,	25
Oct.	5	Lloyd W. Davis, pistol permit,	25
Nov.	11	Clyde R. Cotton, 1929 auto permits,	121 69
Jan.	4	A. C. Mead, pistol permit,	25
	4	Clyde R. Cotton, 1929 auto permits,	174 44
	31	A. R. Caverly, 1929 pool table license	10 00
	31	Clyde R. Cotton, 1930 auto permits,	440 53
Total,			$807 16

Fines and Forfeits:

Jan.	31	H. R. Hill, reimbursement on dog damage,	$11 25

Rent of Town Hall:

July	6	Roscoe Nelson,	$2 00
	6	Austin-Cate Academy,	33 50
Total,			$35 50

Interest Received:

July	6	A. R. Caverly, interest on 1928 taxes,	$274 28
	6	A. R. Caverly, interest on 1928 taxes,	1 11
Jan.	31	A. R. Caverly, interest on 1929 taxes,	26 45
	31	A. R. Caverly, interest on 1929 taxes,	57
Total,			$302 41

Shingles and Plank:

Mar.	2	Geo. P. Foss,	$11 00

Overdraws:

Jan.	4	Henry C. Soule,	$114 94

Jan. 31	Henry C. Soule,	$45 00
31	Henry C. Soule,	234 91
Total,		$394 85

Term Notes:

June 1	Rochester Trust Co.,	$5,000 00
27	Rochester Trust Co.,	3,000 00
Sept. 7	Rochester Trust Co.,	1,500 00
Total,		$9,500 00

Detail Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

1929			
Mar.	2	George P. Foss, ballot clerk,	$3 00
	2	Frank R. Jones, auditor,	9 00
	2	E. R. Tufts, balance,	40 00
	2	L. J. Brown, balance,	39 00
	2	H. C. Soule, balance,	39 00
	2	George L. Foss, auditor,	9 00
Apr.	6	Virgil Scribner, moderator,	3 00
May	4	H. C. Soule, services in part,	35 00
	4	E. H. Berry, services in part,	75 00
	4	L. J. Brown, services in part,	45 00
June	1	H. C. Soule, services in part,	35 00
July	1	A. R. Caverly, balance, 1928,	100 00
	1	A. R. Caverly, services in part, 1929,	50 00
1930			
Jan.	4	Clyde R. Cotton,	50 00
	31	L. J. Brown, services in part,	108 50
	31	H. C. Soule, services in part,	86 00
	31	E. H. Berry, services in part,	63 50
	31	Chester R. Brown, treasurer,	75 00
	31	A. R. Caverly, services in part,	60 00
Total,			$925 00

Town Officers' Expenses

1929			
Mar.	2	Albert E. Foss, trustee trust funds,	$6 50
Apr.	6	Edson C. Eastman, supplies,	12 55
May	4	E. H. Quimby, supplies,	30
	4	Record Press, printing reports,	103 20

July	1	E. C. Eastman, supplies,	$6 00
Aug.	3	Assoc. N. H. Assessors,	2 00
1930			
Jan.	4	E. C. Eastman, dog license blanks,	5 15
	4	Clyde R. Cotton, issuing auto permits,	40 00
	31	C. M. Hill,	7 13
	31	L. J. Brown,	49 80
	31	H. C. Soule,	11 50
	31	E. H. Berry,	36 00
	31	Clyde R. Cotton, issuing auto permits,	20 50
	31	Chester R. Brown,	5 00
			$305 63

Town Hall

1929			
Feb.	2	H. R. Foss, janitor,	$4 75
	2	C. M. Hill, supplies,	17 61
Mar.	2	H. R. Foss, janitor,	5 00
Apr.	6	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	55
	6	H. R. Foss, janitor,	4 50
June	1	H. R. Foss, janitor,	5 20
	1	E. H. Berry,	1 56
July	1	H. R. Foss, janitor,	2 00
	1	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	40
Nov.	2	H. R. Foss, janitor,	2 25
Dec.	7	H. R. Foss, janitor,	4 00
1930			
Jan.	4	H. R. Foss, janitor,	2 75
	31	C. M. Hill, supplies,	21 79
			$72 36

Police Department

1929			
Mar.	2	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	$4 00

Fire Department

1929		
July 1	George P. Foss,	$11 50
Aug. 3	George P. Foss,	34 72
		$46 22

Damage by Dogs

1929		
Nov. 2	Virgil Scribner,	$15 00
Dec. 7	George P. Foss,	82 00
7	A. M. Leighton,	85 00
7	George B. Leighton,	10 00
1930		
Jan. 31	Clyde R. Cotton, collecting,	15 00
		$207 00

Vital Statistics

1930		
Jan. 31	Clyde R. Cotton,	$5 25

State Aid Maintenance

	Pay rolls for 1929,	$2,134 64

Trunk Line Maintenance

	Pay rolls for 1929,	$2,925 05

Town Highways and Bridges

1929		
Feb. 2	Arthur H. Tasker,	$52 80
	Henry C. Soule,	21 35
	Melvin A. Davis,	12 85
Mar. 2	Melvin A. Davis,	26 40
	F. H. Gray,	33 34
	Moses Durgin,	13 65
	J. M. Felker,	21 90
	A. B. Preston,	11 70

Mar.	2	E. R. Tufts,	$33 60
		L. J. Brown,	12 00
		F. J. Berry,	96 00
		A. M. Leighton,	29 90
		E. A. Scribner,	12 00
		W. J. Rowe,	21 60
Apr.	6	Town of Northwood,	120 00
		J. M. Felker,	36 15
		M. W. Brock,	19 10
		C. C. Scruton,	19 40
		C. H. Pinkham,	10 00
		Melvin Davis,	16 50
		John A. Tasker,	20 00
		F. H. Gray,	10 11
		H. C. Soule,	13 00
		W. C. Demeritt,	59 10
		Edson Clark,	16 25
		E. R. Tufts,	12 80
		W. J. Rowe,	9 70
		Moses Durgin,	74 00
		Sarah Otis,	10 00
		Arthur Tasker,	66 54
		E. A. Scribner,	5 95
		A. M. Leighton,	68 40
May	4	Fred O. Caswell,	250 20
		W. C. Demeritt,	149 96
		E. J. Clark,	34 30
		A. B. Preston,	34 92
		A. C. Berry,	25 90
		New England Culvert Co.,	59 00
		H. C. Soule,	56 95
		E. R. Tufts,	66 90
		C. C. Scruton,	33 62
		J. M. Felker,	192 15
		M. W. Brock,	80 10
		C. H. Lakeman,	29 70
		W. J. Rowe,	13 20

May	4	Moses Durgin,	$129 85
		E. A. Scribner,	11 45
		A. M. Leighton,	453 38
June	1	H. R. Foss,	9 20
		A. C. Berry,	12 20
		Melvin Davis,	37 30
		Forrest Harvey,	48 90
		L. J. Brown, Harvey's district,	245 88
		Dyar Sales & Machine Co.,	5 20
		M. H. Durgin,	10 70
		Fred R. Jones,	3 00
		H. C. Soule,	27 00
		F. H. Gray,	34 50
		A. B. Preston,	15 70
		E. R. Tufts,	79 00
		W. H. Cater,	10 00
		M. W. Brock,	11 70
		George P. Foss,	11 50
		Geo. L. Littlefield,	133 84
		A. R. Tasker,	38 95
		C. H. Lakeman,	13 50
		W. C. Demeritt,	3 00
		W. J. Rowe,	6 00
		Geo. E. Rewitzer,	17 50
	22	State highway department,	41 40
July	1	H. R. Foss,	5 10
		New England Metal Culvert Co.,	157 00
		Avery & Pratt,	10 00
		E. R. Tufts,	21 00
		W. J. Rowe,	6 10
		Melvin Davis,	139 05
		H. C. Soule,	174 00
		A. B. Preston,	36 60
		A. M. Leighton,	45 75
		E. J. Evans,	131 45
		Arthur Tasker,	166 30
		C. H. Lakeman,	23 55

July	1	C. C. Scruton,	$30 80
		M. W. Brock,	54 30
		J. M. Felker,	317 95
Aug.	3	M. W. Brock,	18 70
		A. C. Berry,	21 10
		H. R. Foss,	3 60
		W. J. Rowe,	3 50
		A. B. Preston,	15 90
		A. M. Leighton,	22 54
Sept.	7	A. B. Preston,	61 55
		W. C. Demeritt,	146 97
		H. C. Soule,	18 10
		M. W. Brock,	9 00
		E. R. Tufts,	63 90
		C. C. Scruton,	11 50
		J. M. Felker,	92 50
		W. J. Rowe,	212 03
		A. M. Leighton,	42 40
		A. C. Babb,	14 10
Oct.	5	A. M. Leighton,	34 05
		L. J. Brown,	24 60
		H. C. Soule,	17 84
		W. C. Demeritt,	23 40
		A. H. Tasker,	84 70
		E. A. Scribner,	19 06
		New England Metal Culvert Co.,	20 29
		A. C. Berry,	53 90
Nov.	2	Mrs. Lawrence Haley,	50 40
		Earl Demeritt,	3 00
		J. M. Felker,	62 40
		Melvin Davis,	43 50
		W. C. Demeritt,	15 00
		Moses H. Durgin,	6 60
		Dion C. Wingate,	39 76
		S. E. Hanson,	287 55
Dec.	7	New England Metal Culvert Co.,	80 85
		E. C. Felker,	3 00

Dec.	7	C. C. Scruton,	$18 10
		A. B. Preston,	9 10
		M. W. Brock,	25 50
		W. C. Demeritt,	57 55
		F. H. Gray,	32 00
		W. A. Small,	4 80
		S. E. Hanson,	20 10
		A. C. Babb,	14 40
		A. M. Leighton,	8 70
		H. C. Soule,	6 80
		Forrest Harvey,	34 90
		E. A. Scribner,	17 77
		Clarence Parsons,	10 00
1930			
Jan.	4	F. H. Gray,	59 25
		Moses Durgin,	27 80
		J. M. Felker,	37 05
		Fred O. Caswell,	343 70
		H. C. Soule,	15 30
		Ralph Gray,	26 60
		E. A. Scribner,	4 80
		L. J. Brown,	11 10
		E. H. Berry,	8 70
		A. C. Berry,	29 61
	31	C. M. Hill,	5 88
		A. B. Preston,	10 40
		L. J. Brown,	5 90
			$7,215 69

General Expense Highway Department

1929			
July	1	C. W. Varney, insurance,	$328 22

Libraries

1929			
Dec.	7	Ellen M. Foss,	$42 30

Town Poor

1929		
Apr. 6	H. P. Whitcher, wood,	$41 75
Oct. 5	Strafford County Farm, board of C. Foss,	62 00
1930		
Jan. 4	Strafford County Farm, board of C. Foss,	16 00
		$119 75

Memorial Day Exercises

1929		
May 4	Blanche Caverly,	$75 00

Abatements and Discounts

1929		
July 1	A. R. Caverly, abatements on 1928 taxes,	$69 24
1930		
Jan. 31	A. R. Caverly, discounts on 1929 taxes,	71 31
		$140 55

Interest

1929		
Apr. 6	Treasurer Trust Funds,	$14 00
June 1	Treasurer Trust Funds,	10 00
July 1	Treasurer Trust Funds,	8 00
Aug. 3	Rochester Trust Co.,	625 00
Sept. 7	Etta J. Berry,	65 00
7	E. H. Berry,	35 00
Oct. 5	Treasurer Trust Funds,	4 00
Nov. 2	Treasurer Trust Funds,	3 50
Dec. 7	Rochester Trust Co.,	125 00

Dec. 27	Rochester Trust Co.,	$75 00
Jan. 4	Treasurer Trust Funds,	186 50
31	Rochester Trust Co.,	625 00
		$1,776 00

Trunk Line Construction

	Pay rolls,	$20,418 80

Trunk Line Unimproved

	Pay rolls,	$324 24

Indebtedness Payments

1930		
Jan. 31	Rochester Trust Co.,	$5,000 00

State and County Taxes

1929		
Dec. 7	Frank R. Bliss, county tax,	$1,744 65
1930		
Jan. 31	State Treasury, state tax,	1,669 20
		$3,413 85

Schools

1929		
Apr. 6	Emma L. P. Foss,	$1,000 00
May 4	Emma L. P. Foss,	500 00
June 1	Emma L. P. Foss,	2,058 60
Oct. 5	Florys E. Smith,	1,800 00
Nov. 2	Florys E. Smith,	1,000 00
Dec. 9	Florys E. Smith,	1,800 00
1930		
Jan. 4	Florys E. Smith,	500 00
		$8,658 60

Statement of Joint Highway Accounts

State Aid Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance 1928,	$220 81	$220 82	$441 63
Appropriation 1929,	900 00	900 00	1,800 00
Extra appropriation,	134 36	134 35	268 71
Total fund,	$1,255 17	$1,255 17	$2,510 34
Expended,	1,255 17	1,255 17	2,510 34
Town expended,			$2,133 44
Received from State,			878 27
Cost to town,			$1,255 17
Cost to State,			1,255 17
Total cost,			$2,510 34

Trunk Line Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance 1928,	$978 58	$652 38	$1,630 96
Appropriation 1929,	3,600 00	2,400 00	6,000 00
Total fund,	$4,578 58	$3,052 38	7,630 96
Expended,	3,391 76	2,261 16	5,652 92
Balance for 1930,	$1,186 82	$791 22	$1,978 04
Town expended,			$2,880 05
Received from State,			618 89
Cost to Town,			$2,261 16
Cost to State,			3,391 76
Total cost,			$5,652 92

Unimproved Town Road

	State	Town	Total
Balance 1928,	$134 80	$134 81	$269 61
Appropriation 1929,	100 00	100 00	200 00
Total fund,	$234 80	$234 81	$469 61
Expended,	140 92	140 92	281 84
Balance for 1930,	$93 88	$93 89	$187 77
Town expended,			$281 84
Received from State,			140 92
Cost to Town,			$140 92
Cost to State,			140 92
Total cost,			$281 84

Trunk Line Construction

	State	Town	Total
Appropriation 1929,	$24,000 00	$12,000 00	$36,000 00
Expended,	14,791 35	7,395 68	22,187 00
Balance for 1930,	$9,208 64	$4,604 33	$13,812 97
Town expended,			$21,627 94
Received from State,			14,232 27
Cost to Town,			$7,395 67
Cost to State,			14,791 36
Total cost,			$22,187 03

Snow Account Ending July 1, 1929

Town expended,	$257 70
Town paid State,	41 40
Cost to Town,	$299 10
Cost to State,	299 10
Total cost,	$598 20

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Of the Town of Strafford for Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1930.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALBERT E. FOSS,
CHARLES F. HILL,
FRED A. SCRUTON,

Trustees.

February 8, 1930.

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION All trust funds should be reported giving name of fund and donor.	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment. State also if funds were "borrowed or used for city or town purposes," and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 42, Sec. 22, Public Laws.	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Yr.	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1866	Austin Fund Given by Daniel Austin	Town Notes	$4,000.00	4		$160.00	$160.00	
	Lavina Young Fund Given by Lavina Young	Town Notes	1,000.00	4			40.00	$40.00
1917	M. J. Wain Fund Given by M. J. Wain	Town Notes	400.00	4	$76.85	16.00	42.00	50.85
June 7, 1919	Betsey Welch Fund Given by Betsey Welch	Town Notes	200.00	4	32.10	8.00	4.00	36.10
July 3, 1920	Nancy Perkins Fund Given by Nancy Perkins	Town Notes	100.00	4	23.75	4.00	3.50	24.25
Oct. 1, 1921	Betsey Hawkins Fund Given by Betsey Hawkins	Town Notes	100.00	4	17.33	4.00	8.00	13.33
Nov. 5, 1921	Samuel Jenness Fund Given by Ida M. Jenness	Town Notes	100.00	3½	4.35	3.50	3.00	4.85
Jan. 7, 1922	Abbie Seavey Fund Given by Abbie Seavey	Town Notes	100.00	3½	19.71	3.50	8.50	14.71

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June 6, 1925	Paul Hayes Fund Given by Chas. Hayes	Town Notes	50.00	4	16.10	2.00	10.95	7.15
June 6, 1925	John Babb Fund Given by Jennie Babb	Town Notes	100.00	4	6.00	4.00	3.00	7.00
Jan. 14, 1927	Ella Waterhouse Fund Given by Ella Waterhouse	Town Notes	200.00	3½	12.00	7.00	7.00	12.00
Apr. 3, 1926	Abbie A. P. Caverly Fund Given by A. A. P. Caverly	Town Notes	100.00	4	4.00	4.00	3.00	5.00
Apr. 2, 1927	Eliza Garfield Fund Given by Eliza Garfield	Town Notes	150.00	4	4.15	6.00	5.00	5.15
Apr. 2, 1927	John W. Jewell Fund Given by John Jewell	Town Notes	100.00	4	2.00	4.00	5.00	1.00
Aug. 4, 1928	David W. Smith Fund Given by David W. Smith	Town Notes	100.00	3½			3.00	3.00
					218.34	226.00	305.95	181.39
								43.00
								138.39

Report of Auditors

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees for the year ending January 31, 1930.

That in our opinion the accompanying statements of Town Officers properly set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending January 31, 1930.

FRANK R. JONES,
GEORGE L. FOSS,

Town Auditors.

Strafford, N. H., February 13, 1930.

Report of Library Trustees

Money on hand, January 31, 1929,	$2 76
Received from town,	42 30
	$45 06
Money Paid Out:	
Librarian's salary,	$10 00
Books for library,	23 20
	$33 20
Cash on hand, January 31, 1930,	$11 86
Gift by Warren Foss, April 21, 1914,	$500 00
Interest on same to January 31, 1930,	409 40
Total fund on deposit in savings department, Rochester Trust Co.,	$909 40

LUCY S. HILL,
ABBIE F. BROWN,
RILMA GRAY,

Library Trustees.

Report of Librarian

Number of books taken out at Center,	875
Books added during year,	14
Whole number of books in Library,	1,227

MARY ELLEN FOSS,

Librarian.

Report of School Districts

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the eleventh day of March, 1930, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public

schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50 for new equipment.

10. To see what action the district will take in regard to purchasing land for a playground for the Crown Point School.

11. To see what action the district will take to enable the School Board to sell unused schoolhouses.

12. To see if the district will vote to alter and enlarge the schoolhouse at Bow Lake and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 31st day of January, 1930.

ALBERT E. FOSS,
ADRIAN B. PRESTON,
VICTOR L. CAVERLY,

School Board.

Report of School Board

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1928 and Ending June 30, 1929

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Public Laws 1926, Chapter 68:22, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ALBERT E. FOSS,
ADRIAN B. PRESTON,
VICTOR L. CAVERLY,

School Board.

Receipts

State Aid Equalization,	$3,654 93
Smith-Hughes federal aid,	669 86
Income from local taxation,	8,000 00
Dog licenses,	58 60
Income from Trust Funds,	40 00
Cash on hand, beginning of year,	277 94
Total,	$12,701 33

Payments

Salaries of District Officers,	$221 00
Superintendent's salary,	268 29
Truant officer and census,	15 00
Expenses of administration,	33 32

Teachers' salaries,	$4,195 00
Text Books,	123 23
Scholars' supplies,	231 86
Flags and appurtenances,	13 09
Other expenses of instruction,	22 65
Janitor service,	247 00
Fuel,	316 20
Water, light, and janitors' supplies,	31 90
Minor repairs and expenses,	218 23
Medical and health,	50 00
Transportation of pupils,	2,244 00
Academy tuition,	2,322 50
Per capita tax,	290 00
New equipment,	43 25
Paid Smith-Hughes Aid to Austin-Cate,	669 86
	$11,556 38
Cash on hand at end of year,	1,144 95
Total,	$12,701 33

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Strafford, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

INESS V. STILES,
CHESTER R. BROWN,

Auditors.

Report of School Treasurer

For the Year Ending June 30, 1929

Cash on hand July 1, 1928,	$277 94
Received from State Treasurer, Smith-Hughes fund for A. C. A.,	669 86
Received from Town Treasurer, appropriation for schools,	8,000 00
Received from Charles F. Hill, Young fund,	40 00
Received from State Treasurer,	3,654 93
Received from Town Treasurer, dog tax,	58 60
	$12,701 33
Amount paid out,	11,556 38
Amount in treasury July 1, 1929,	$1,144 95

EMMA L. P. FOSS,

School Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Strafford:

For a few years no annual report of the superintendent has appeared in the Town Report. To be sure, there are statistical and other reports filed with the School Board and the State Board; but in reviving this custom, my purpose is to have at least a few of the features of our educational progress presented to the people in such a form that they can be read and preserved.

The outstanding material improvement of the year has been the alteration of the Crown Point schoolhouse so as to relieve the crowded conditions and improve the lighting. The windows were equipped with the most approved type of shades. The shed was joined to the main building by a passageway, so that it is entered from the schoolroom. Citizens of the Strafford Corner section have a building of which they may well be proud. More ample playground space is needed at this school. At the Center School, new steps have been constructed, and the lowering of the ceiling has resulted in more comfort and economy of fuel. The grounds of the Perkins school were graded in a limited area.

Only one change was made in the teaching staff this year. The names of the schools with their teachers are as follows:

Bow Lake	Miss Shirla G. Bunnell
Center	Mrs. Irene H. Scribner
Crown Point	Miss Carrie L. Cooper
Perkins	Miss Lucy S. Chase
Pinehurst	Mrs. Merle L. Jewell

For the first time, a school nurse has been secured this year in co-operation with a number of other towns. Miss Ruth B. Whitcomb, R. N., has aided Dr. Merrill in examining the children, and has also followed this up with personal conferences with the parents in regard to health conditions. It is hoped that in the future this work may be extended. This increased health service comes to us without additional expense to the tax-payers, as it is one of the items cared for by our state aid.

In the ten years since the adoption of the present school law in 1919, notable progress has been made in education throughout the state. Among the notable features of that progress is equalization, by which the crumbs that fall from the tables of the wealthy communities are made to furnish a substantial meal of state aid for the less wealthy towns. Another feature of this decade of school progress is the lengthening of the school year throughout the state to 36 weeks, with a 3.2% increase in average attendance at the same time. In other words, we have added a year and a third to the average schooling of children in the small towns by furnishing eight full years of 36 weeks each. Moreover, High School enrollment has increased one-third, or nearly seven times as fast as elementary enrollment. Normal school enrollment has increased from 240 to 924, with a decrease in per capita cost to the state from $324 to $135 per student. This has enabled an increase in the proportion of trained teachers from 63% to 83% of the total number. Standard schools everywhere in New Hampshire mean a nearer approximation to that ideal of democracy which is the chief aim of the American public schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester W. Doe,
Superintendent of Schools.

Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance for One Year

Lauris Brown, John Barry, Walter Lingard, Orson Lowell, Adrian Preston, Robert Evans, Karl Caverly, Everett Clark, Walter Batchelder, Everett Haynes, Martha Caverly, Ralph Lingard, Roscoe Fife, Rose Mitchell, Forrest Winkley.

School Board's Estimate for 1930-31

Expenditures

Support of Schools:	
Teachers' salaries,	$4,600 00
Text books,	175 00
Scholars' supplies,	175 00
Flags and appurtenances,	15 00
Other expenses of instruction,	10 00
Janitor service,	300 00
Fuel,	288 00
Water, light, and janitors' supplies,	30 00
Minor repairs and expenses,	250 00
Health and Medical,	125 00
Transportation,	2,100 00
Special activities,	10 00
	$8,078 00
Statutory Requirements:	
Salaries of District Officers,	$207 00
Truant Officer and census,	20 00
Academy tuitions,	2,100 00
Superintendent's salary,	275 00
Per capita tax,	238 00
Administration,	50 00
	$2,890 00
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget,	$10,968 00

Estimated Income

State Aid,	$2,937 59
Trust Funds,	40 00
Deduct,	$2,977 59
Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget,	$7,990 41

ALBERT E. FOSS,
ADRIAN B. PRESTON,
VICTOR L. CAVERLY,

School Board.

Strafford, N. H., January 31, 1930.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1930

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Male or Female	Liv. or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
1929															
Apr. 29	Strafford	Agnes Eugenia	F	L		All White	Joseph McDoris	Gertrude Pender	All White	Strafford	Laborer	Durham	Northwood	38	38
June 25	Strafford	Nelson Ruben	M	L	3		Ruben Avery	Hattie Scruton		Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	40	34
Nov. 26	Strafford	Marjorie	F	L	3		Lawrence Brown	Ethel Rudd		Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Somerville, Ms.	33	30

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1930

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1929												
June 19	Dover	Harold S. Stiles	Strafford	21		Milk Dealer	Strafford	Wilbur G. Stiles	Strafford	Farmer	1	Rev. Lester Holmes
								Inez V. Scruton	Strafford	Housewife		Dover
		Neva L. Harvey	Strafford	23		School Tchr.	Rollinsford	Herbert H. Harvey	Salmon Falls	Mechanic	1	
								Lillian Page	Strafford	Nurse		
29	New Boston	Harry L. Webber	Strafford	46		Millman	Strafford	Harry L. Bubier	Newton Jct.	Sawyer	3	Rev. L. W. Swanson
								Nellie E. Webber	Loudon	Housewife		New Boston
		Eire M. Cate	Pittsfield	32	All White	Housemaid	Pittsfield	Ewd. C. Stockman	Pittsfield	Farmer	1	
								Narcissa Fellows	Brentwood	Housemaid		
Nov. 15	Rochester	Wm. S. Howard	Strafford	29		Laborer	Barrington	Harry W. Howard	Barrington	Laborer	1	Rev. J.N. Armistead
								Sadie G. Eaton	Strafford	Housewife		Rochester
		Hazel S. Lingard	Strafford	18		At Home	Strafford	Grover C. Lingard	Barrington	Laborer	1	
								Josie M. Bushway	Canaan	Housewife		
1930												
Jan. 7	Rochester	Earle R. Tufts	Strafford	41		Farmer	Farmington	David Tufts	Rochester	Farmer		
								Corinne Berry	Strafford	Housewife		Rev. E. B. Young
		Olive F. Page	Rochester	39		Teacher	Rochester	Victor Page	Rochester	Coal Dealer		Rochester
								Fannie Gerrish	Rochester	Housewife		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1930

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Sin., Mar., Wid.	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death
											Father	Mother			
1929															
Jan. 19	Strafford	Abbie Caverly	84	4	18	Strafford	F		W		Strafford	Strafford	Asa Perkins	Deborah Young	Arterio Sclerosis
Feb. 19	Strafford	Kimball Clark	78	11	11	Barnstead	M		M	Farmer	Barnstead	Farmington	Abram Clark	Sarah Kimball	Angina Pectoris
22	Strafford	Clara A. Foss	82	8	10	Strafford	F		W	Housekeeper	Strafford	Strafford	Chas. T. Hayes	Betsey Foss	Gen. Disintegration
Mar. 13	Strafford	John A. Seward	84	3	2	Strafford	M		W	Retired	Strafford	Strafford	Joel D. Seward	Lydia M. Seward	Phthisis
Apr. 6	Rochester	Julia Van Dine	41	4	21	Dover	F		M	Housewife	England	Dover	Samuel Bonser	Mary Foss	Meningitis
18	Strafford	Ada F. Tuttle	51	9	27	Strafford	F		S	At Home	Durham	Strafford	Frank E. Randlett	Laurette Tuttle	Diabetes
29	Strafford	James H. Stiles	79	2	16	Strafford	M		W	Retired Farm	Strafford	Strafford	Joseph Stiles	Hannah Foss	Cer. Hemorrhage
May 14	Strafford	Annie M. Cater	73	2	10	Rochester	F	All White	M	Housewife	Rochester		Gilman A. Pearl	Nancy Yelden	Dilitation of Heart
23	Strafford	Melq'z Hernend'z	76	5	13	Spain	M		M	Musician					Angina Pectoris
30	Strafford	Susie E. Smith	80	11	18	Nova Scotia	F		W	Housewife			Peter Wilson	Mary Wamboldt	Chro. Myocarditis
June 7	Strafford	Eliza J. Berry	76	4	3	Strafford	F		W		Strafford	Barrington	Jeremiah Berry	Betsey Hill	Apoplexy
July 9	Strafford	Julia A. Drew	81	11	9	Nova Scotia	F		W		Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	James H. Pratt	Mary A. Pratt	Arterio Sclerosis
Sept. 14	Strafford	Cora A. Clark	63	10	1	Sandwich	F		W	Housewife	Brigdton, Me.	Nottingham	Royal McDonald	Mary A. Bickford	Apoplexy
Oct. 13	Strafford	Walter Ford	83	4	18	Saco, Me.	M		W	Carpenter	Lyman, Me.	Ossipee	Andrew J. Ford	Ellen Abbott	Hemiplegia
Jan. 29	Strafford	Mary E. Roby	76	2	25		F		W	At Home	Lancaster	Littleton	Chase Fuller	Deborah Clay	Tuberculosis

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CLYDE R. COTTON, Town Clerk.

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